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INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA
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AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: HORN OF AFRICA - SOMALIA

REF: (A) CAIRO 8401, (B) STATE 115402

1. WHEN MEETING WITH MINSTATE MOHAMED RIAD TODAY, I RECALLED OUR DISCUSSION OF LAST WEEK WITH VISITING DEP ASSTSEC SEELYE ON SOMALIA AND RIAD'S SUGGESTION THAT WE SHOULD NOT INSIST ON AMBASSADOR LOUGHRAN BEING RECEIVED BY SIAD BARRE AS A CONDITION PRECEDENT TO DISPATCHING THE ECONOMIC SURVEY MISSION. RIAD HAD OPINED THAT SOMALIA AMBASSADOR ADDOU'S REQUEST SHOULD BE CONSIDERED SUFFICIENT (REF A). I THOUGHT RIAD WOULD BE PLEASED TO KNOW THAT WE HAVE COME TO THE SAME CONCLUSION. I LAID IT ON A LITTLE THICK AND SAID THIS WAS AT LEAST PARTLY DUE TO HIS GOOD ADVICE. IN ANY EVENT, WE HAVE AGREED TO SEND THE HIGH LEVEL ECONOMIC SURVEY TEAM TO MOGADISCIO EVEN BEFORE SIAD BARRE RECEIVES AMB LOUGHRAN. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION HERE, THE TEAM WOULD PROBABLY ARRIVE IN MOGADISCIO AROUND
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MAY 24. I ALSO TOLD HIM THAT WHEN LOUGHRAN DOES MEET WITH SIAD BARRE, HE IS AUTHORIZED OFFER TO ASSIGN A DATT TO MOGADISCIO IF GDSR WISHES. (SEELYE HAD EARLIER MENTIONED THIS POSSIBILITY TO RIAD). IF SOMALI/US RELATIONS MAKE IT APPROPRIATE WE ALSO WILLING ASSIST SOMALIA IN INVESTIGATING THE POSSIBILITY OF NON-US SOURCES FOR ARMS TO SATISFY SOMALIA'S LEGITIMATE NEEDS.

2. HAVING IN MIND SADAT'S PERSONAL INTEREST IN OUR TAKING STEPS TO PROVIDE SOME ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA, I OPINED THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE PLEASED TO HEAR THIS NEWS AND ASKED THAT RIAD GET IT ASAP TO SADAT, VP MUBARAK AND FAHMY. RIAD EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION AT THE STEPS WE ARE TAKING AND UNDERTOOK TO CONVEY THE INFORMATION TO SADAT MUBARAK AND FAHMY TODAY.

3. RIAD SUGGESTED THAT WE SHOULD NOT BE TOO CONCERNED ABOUT SOME OF SIAD BARRE'S SEEMINGLY STRANGE BEHAVIOR. SIAD BARRE HAS TO TREAD CAREFULLY WITH THE LARGE NUMBER OF SOVIET ADVISERS AND PRO-SOVIET SOMALI ELEMENTS AROUND. RIAD NOTED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT IRAN HAD RECENTLY OFFERED TO SEND A MILITARY DELEGATION. SIAD BARRE ACCEPTED, BUT INSISTED IT NOT BE PUBLICIZED UNTIL JUST BEFORE THE MISSION ARRIVES. HIS REASON FOR DOING SO, ACCORDING TO RIAD, IS CONCERN THAT PREMATURE PUBLICITY SUGGESTING ANY SHIFT FROM HIS SOVIET ALIGNMENT WILL SUBJECT HIM TO IMMEDIATE AND HEAVY SOVIET AND PRO-SOVIET PRESSURES AT HOME. HENCE, HE PREFERS TO MOVE CAUTIOUSLY.

4. RIAD ALSO NOTED THAT THE IRANIAN FONMIN WILL VISIT MOGADISCIO MAY 26 AND THOUGHT THAT HIS EFFORTS TO PERSUADE SIAD BARRE TO DEVELOP A MORE BALANCED RELATIONSHIP WITH USG AND THE WEST SHOULD BE HELPFUL.
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